

RESPIRATION IN PLANTS

Net gain of ATP in glycolysis = 8 ATP
Krebs cycle = 24 ATP

1) All breathe + live Glucose - favoured substrate for respiration

2) All organisms need energy $\xrightarrow{\text{for carrying out}}$ Daily life activities

- absorption
- transport
- movement
- reproduction
- breathing

* Process of breathing very much connected to Process of release of energy from food.

* Energy for "life processes" is obtained by Oxidation of some macromolecule (food)

* Only Cyanobacteria & Green plants can prepare own food (by photosynthesis)

\rightarrow trap light energy & convert it into chemical energy

① In green plants too

Not all cells, tissues, organs photosynthetic.

Only cells having chloroplast located in SUPERFICIAL LAYERS carry out photosynthesis.

Bonds of carbohydrates \leftarrow stored in like
Glucose, Sucrose, Starch

Hence even in Green plants, all other organs, tissues, cells that are non green, need food for oxidation

Food has to be translocated \leftarrow Hence to all non-green parts

* Animals $\xrightarrow{\text{are}}$ HETEROTROPHS $\xrightarrow{\text{obtain}}$ food from plants \rightarrow directly (HERBIVORE)
 \rightarrow indirectly (CARNIVORE)

* Saprophytes \rightarrow Fungi $\xrightarrow{\text{dependent on}}$ dead & decaying matter

* All food that is required for life comes from photosynthesis.

* CELLULAR RESPIRATION - mechanism of breakdown of food material within the cell to release energy, & trapping of this energy for synthesis of ATP.

* Photosynthesis $\xrightarrow{\text{in}}$ chloroplast (in eukaryotes), Respiration $\xrightarrow{\text{in}}$ cytoplasm / Mitochondria (in eukaryotes)

RESPIRATION - Breaking of C-C bonds of complex comp. through oxidation within cells, leading to release of considerable amt. of energy.

* Compounds that are oxidized → Respiratory Substrate

* During OXIDATION within a cell, all energy contain in a resp substrate

but ① protein, ② usually, carbohydrates, ③ organic acids can be used as resp. substrate in some plants under certain conditions

not released in a single step / or free in cell

Its released in a series of slow step-wise reactions

controlled by

enzymes

ATP

in form of

chemical energy

trapped as

* Hence, energy released by oxidation in respiration

is not used directly

but used to synthesise ATP

which is broken down whenever & wherever can be

Energy trapped in ATP used in various processes.

Energy currency of the cell. [ATP]

hence

Carbon skeleton produced during respiration

is used as

precursors for biosynthesis of other molecules in cell

(DO PLANTS BREATHE?) plants have a system that ensure availability of O_2 .

Plants → no specialised organ for gaseous exchange

allow gas exchange but have stomata & lenticels for this purpose.

Several reasons why plants can get along without Respiratory organs

① Each plant part takes care of its own needs (gas exchange needs)

② Very little transport of gases from one plant part to another.

③ Plants do not present great demands for gas exchange.

④ Roots, stems, leaves } respire at rates far lower than animals do.

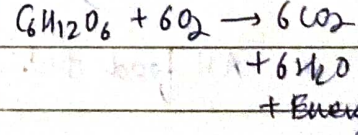
⑤ Distance that gases must diffuse is not great (even in great, bulky plants)

* Each living cell, in a plant is located quite close to surface (THIS IS TRUE FOR LEAVES)

* During photosynthesis only, large volumes of gases exchanged & each leaf is well adapted to take care of its own needs during these periods.

* When cells photosynthesise, availability of O_2 not a problem in these cells since O_2 is released within cells

⑥ Complete combustion of glucose yields energy which is given out as heat.



* In stems, living cells are arranged in thin layers inside & hence the bark.

also have openings → LENTICELS

Cells in interior → Dead Mechanical support.

This is also facilitated by - Loose packing of parenchyma cells in roots, stems, leaves

(which provide interconnected network of air spaces)

Key is to oxidise glucose in several steps enabling some steps to be just large enough such that energy released can be coupled to ATP synthesis. & not all liberated energy goes out as heat.

* Thus, most cells of a plant have at least a part of their surface in contact with air

GLYCOLYSIS

originated from

GREEK WORDS

Glycos means

sugar

Lysis means

splitting

* The only process in respiration

anaerobic organisms

EMP pathway

cause its scheme was given by

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1. Gustav Embden

2. Otto Meyerhof

3. Parnas

occurs in

cytoplasm

present in all living organisms

Glucose undergoes

partial oxidation

to form

2 mol. of pyruvic acid

* In Plants



(Glucose)

is derived from

(Sucrose)

from

end product of photosynthesis

from

storage carbohydrates

* Sucrose

invertase enzyme

(Glucose + Fructose)

readily enter into Glycolytic pathway

* Glycolysis

is a chain of ten reactions

under control of different enzymes

* Glucose & Fructose

phosphorylated to give

Glucose-6-phosphate

(Hexokinase)

Subsequent steps are same in glucose & fructose.

←

Fructose-6-phosphate

isomerases to

* Pyruvic acid

is

Key product of Glycolysis

its metabolic fate depends on Cellular need.

its fate depends on

O₂ availability

organism

3 major phase in which different cells handle Pyruvic Acid

LACTIC ACID FERMENTATION

ALCOHOLIC FERMENTATION

AEROBIC RESPIRATION

* Fermentation

takes place under

anaerobic conditions

in

many prokaryotes

unicellular eukaryotes

(Major pathways of Anaerobic Respiration)

Glucose

Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate

NAD⁺ → NADH + H⁺

3 Phosphoglyceric acid

Phosphoenolpyruvic acid

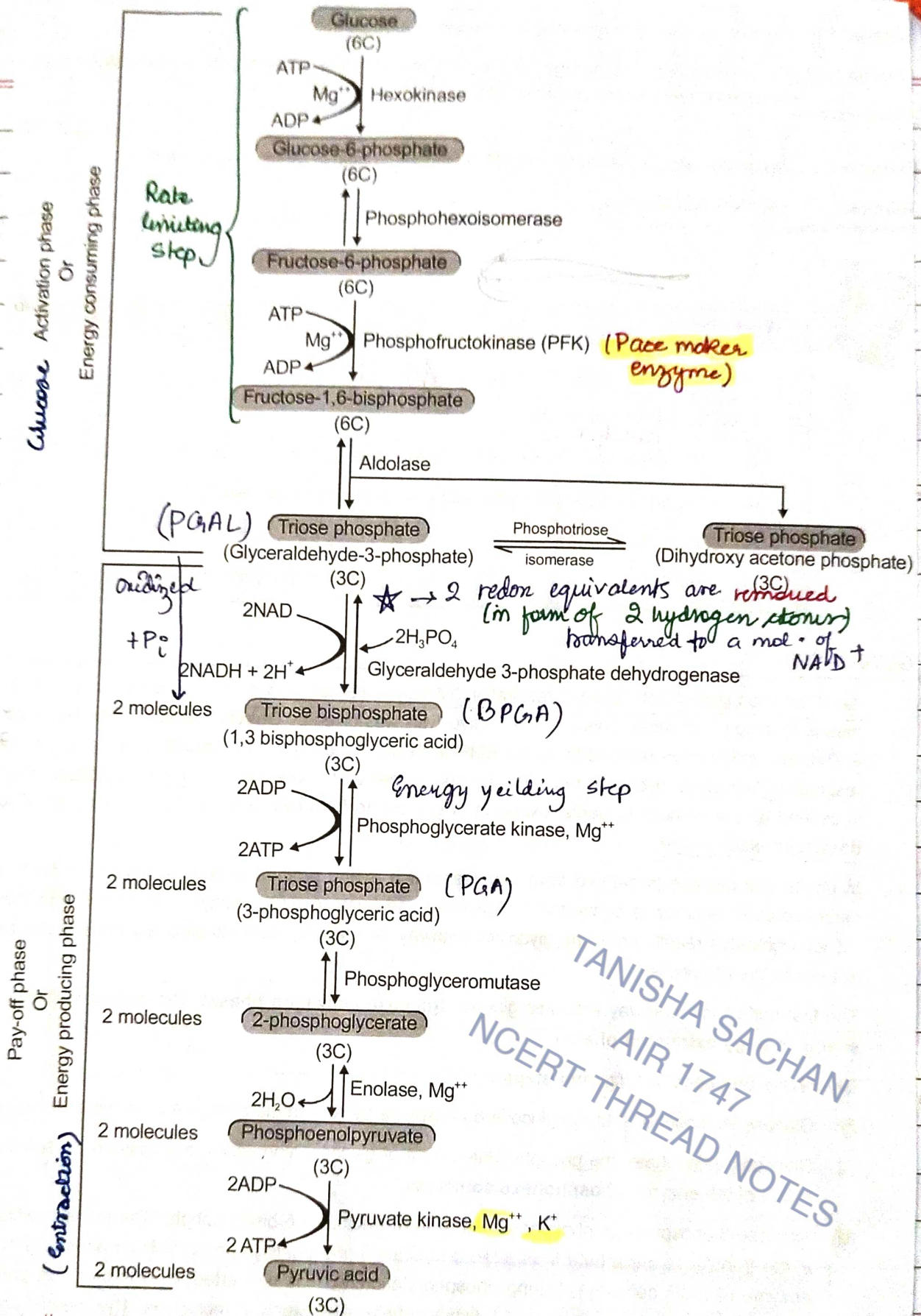
Lactic acid

NAD⁺ → NADH + H⁺

Pyruvic acid

NADH + H⁺ → NAD⁺

Ethanol + CO₂



Fermentation takes place in

- prokaryotes
- unicellular eukaryotes
- germinating seeds

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FERMENTATION

→ by yeast
→ incomplete oxidation of glucose under anaerobic condition

* Enzymes that catalyze these Hns

PYRUVIC ACID DECARBOXYLASE

ALCOHOL DEHYDROGENASE

by sets of str. where pyruvic acid is converted into Ethanol + CO₂

Some Bacteria produce Lactic Acid from pyruvic acid

* In ANIMAL CELLS (Ex- Muscles)

during exercise → when O₂ is inadequate for cellular respiration → Pyruvic acid

In both
LACTIC ACID FERMENTATION
ALCOHOL FERMENTATION

< 7% energy in glucose is released.
Lactic acid is produced.
Reduced by lactate dehydrogenase
Reducing agent → NADH + H⁺
NAD⁺ is oxidised to NADH + H⁺ (in both processes)

HAZARDOUS PROCESSES as acid or alcohol is produced
not all of it is trapped as High energy bonds of ATP

YEAST — poison themselves to death

when concentration of alcohol reaches 13%

AEROBIC RESPIRATION

In eukaryotes takes place in Mitochondria
Requires O₂

most common in HIGHER ORGANISM

leads to Complete oxidation of organic subs (in presence of O₂) & releases
① H₂O ② CO₂ ③ Large amt of energy

* Final product: Pyruvic acid of glucose transported to Mitochondria

CRUCIAL EVENTS

Complete oxidation of pyruvate by step-wise removal of all H-atoms leaving 3 CO₂

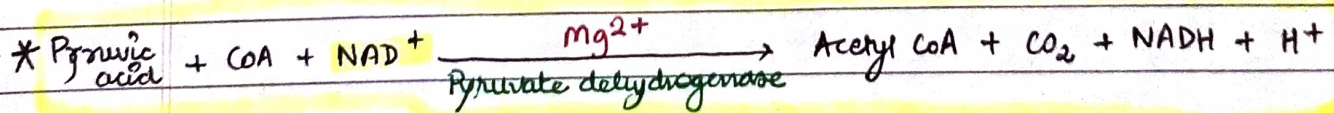
Passing on of the e⁻ removed as part of Hydrogen to molecular O₂

inner membrane of mitochondria simultaneous synthesis of ATP with

Pyruvate formed by Glycolytic catabolism of carbohydrate in Cytosol.

after it enters Mitochondrial matrix it undergoes oxidative decarboxylation by complete set of reaction

① Coenzyme A ② NAD⁺ ③ several coenzymes & Pyruvic dehydrogenase catalysed by



* During this process — 2 (NADH + H⁺) produced from 2 pyruvate (by 1 glucose)

Acetyl CoA enters cyclic Pathway → Tricarboxylic Acid Cycle (Krebs Cycle)

elucidated it who first Hans Krebs named after

TRICARBOXYLIC ACID CYCLE

Starts with - Condensation of acetyl group + OAA & water $\xrightarrow{\text{to yield}}$ Citric acid

Citrate Synthase \leftarrow rxn is catalysed by
& a mol. of CoA

① Citrate $\xrightarrow{\text{then isomerized to}}$ Isocitrate $\xrightarrow{\text{1 cycle of decarboxylation}}$ α -Ketoglutaric acid
allows cycle to continue \leftarrow OAA \leftarrow oxidised to Succinyl CoA $\xleftarrow{\text{1 cycle of decarboxylation}}$
② Succinyl CoA $\xrightarrow{\text{1 GTP}}$ Succinic Acid [Substrate level phosphorylation]

* GTP is converted to GDP with simultaneous synthesis of ATP (from ADP)

* 3 points in cycle - $\text{NAD}^+ \xrightarrow{\text{reduced to}} \text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$

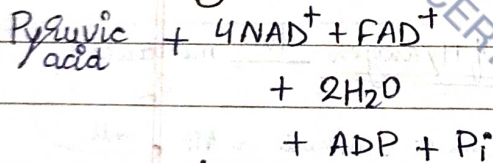
* 1 point in cycle - $\text{FAD}^+ \xrightarrow{\text{reduced to}} \text{FADH}_2$

* **OAA** \rightarrow 1st member of the cycle
 \rightarrow Its continuous replenishment req. for continued oxidation of acetyl CoA in TCA.

* Also req \rightarrow regeneration of NAD^+ & FAD^+ from NADH & FADH_2 .

* Till now released \rightarrow 8 mol $\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+$
 \rightarrow 2 mol FADH_2
 \rightarrow 2 mol ATP \rightarrow by 1 glucose

Summary Eqn.



mitochondrial matrix

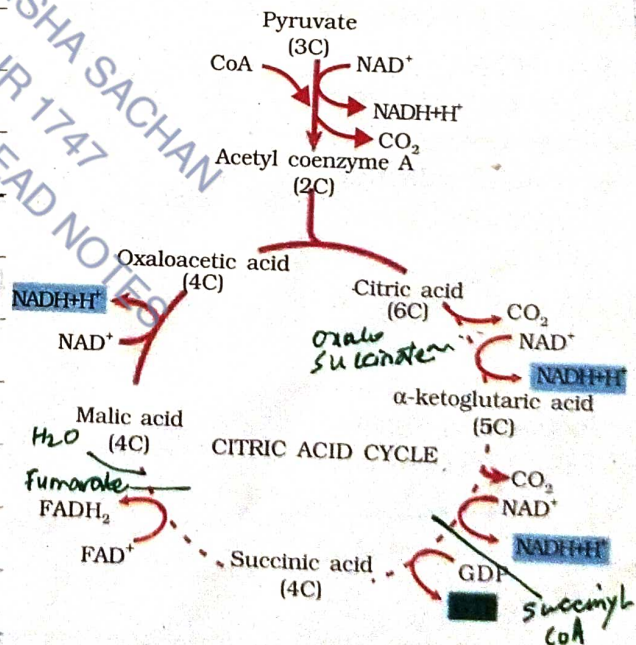
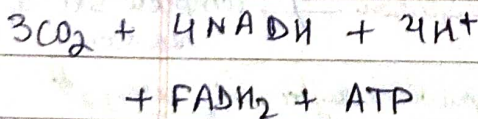


Figure 14.3 The Citric acid cycle

Electron Transport System (ETS) & Oxidative phosphorylation

To release & utilize the energy stored in $NADH + H^+$ & $FADH_2$

e^- are passed & ETS through these are oxidized. This is accomplished by O_2 resulting in form of H_2O

(* Metabolic pathway through which e^- passes from one carrier to other)

Inner mitochondrial membrane ← present in (ETS) (e^- transport system)

$NADH$ gives e^- oxidized by $NADH$ Dehydrogenase (complex I) → e^- then transferred to Ubiquinone (located within the inner membrane) reduced to Ubiquinol

produced in Mitochondrial matrix during CAC

loses e^- via cytochrome b_c complex (complex -III)

$FADH_2$ (complex -II)

→ to **Cytochrome C**

- Small protein
- attached to outer surface of inner membrane
- Acts as - mobile carrier for transfer of e^- b/w complex III & IV

Cytochrome-c-oxidase (complex -IV)

Contains → Cytochrome a_1 , a_3 & 2 copper centres

When e^- pass via complexes I → IV

from one carrier to other in ET chain

they are coupled to

ATP synthase (complex V)

ATP (from ADP) & $P_{inorganic}$ for production of

* No. of ATP synthesized depends on Nature of e^- donor.

1 mol $NADH$ gives → 3 ATP

1 mol $FADH_2$ gives → 2 ATP

* Although aerobic process of respiration takes place only in presence of oxygen. Role of O_2 is limited to terminal stage of process.

Oxygen acts as final acceptor of H_2

by removing hydrogen from the system

since it drives whole process

Yet O_2 presence is vital

Also, O_2 is ultimate acceptor of e^-

O_2 gets reduced to H_2O .

In photophosphorylation — light energy is utilised for prod. of proton gradient for phosphorylation \leftarrow req. for

In respiration — Energy of Oxid.-Reduction is utilised for \rightarrow thence called — OXIDATIVE PHOSPHORYLATION

Complex II \rightarrow ATP Synthetase consists of 2 major components \rightarrow F_1 & F_0

F_1 headpiece

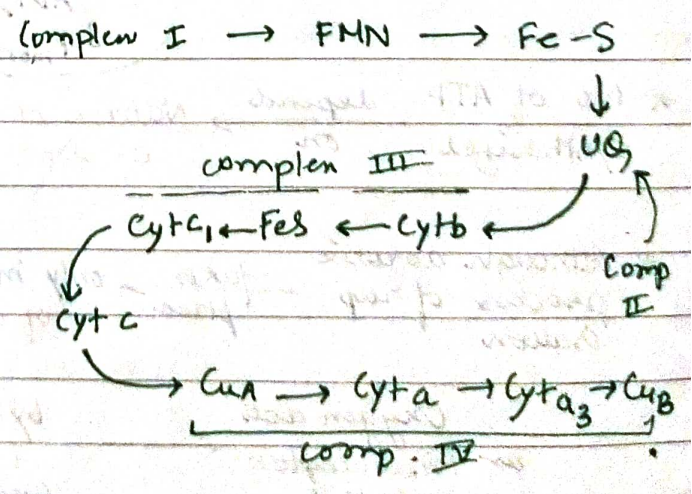
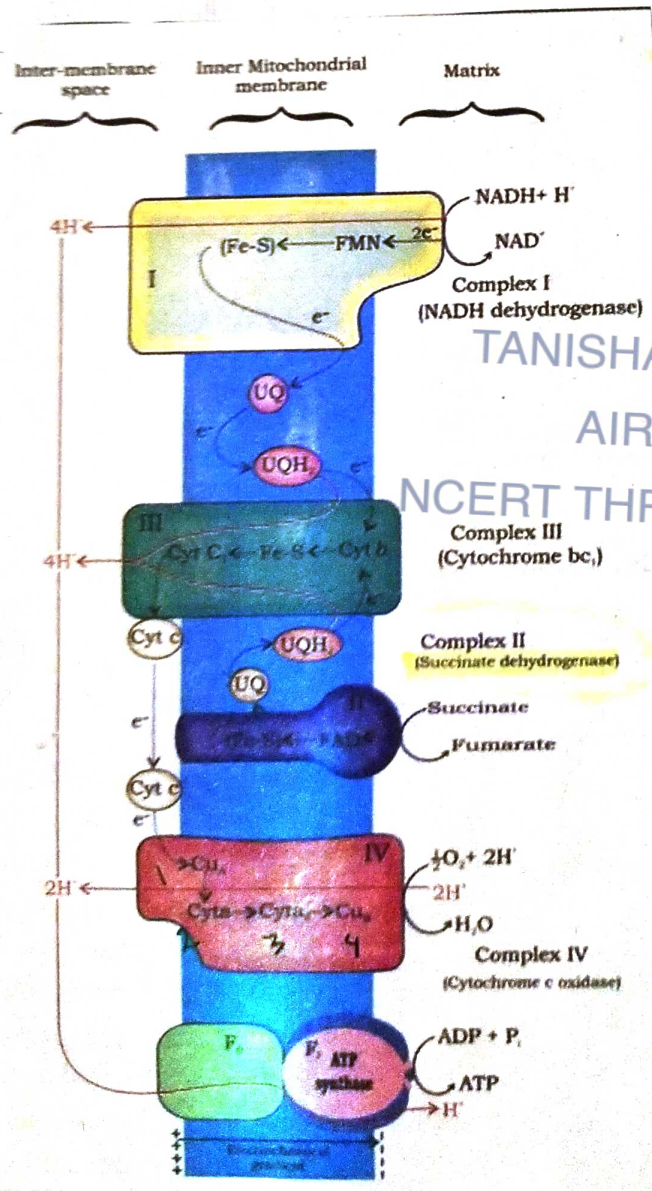
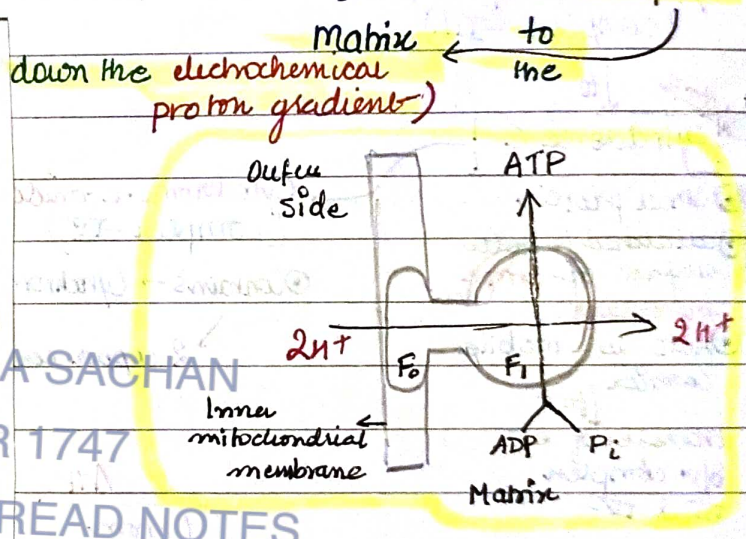
- Peripheral membrane protein complex
- Contains — site for synthesis of ATP from ADP & P_{iorg} .

F_0

- Integral membrane protein complex
- Forms a channel through which protons cross the inner membrane

* Passage of protons through channel coupled to catalytic site of F_1 component for the production of ATP.

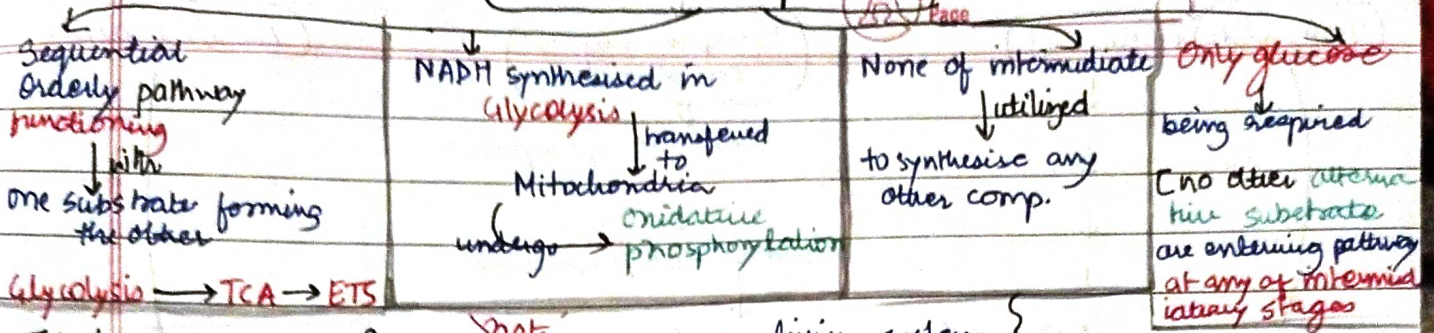
* For each ATP produced $\rightarrow 2H^+$ passes through F_0 from 'intermembrane space' to the



RESPIRATORY BALANCE SHEET Theoretical exercise

Certain assumptions

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This kind of assumptions not valid in a living system
 All pathways work simultaneously } substrate withdrawn as when necessary
 ATP utilised as when needed } Enzymatic rates controlled by multiple means } Net gain - 38 ATP (during aerobic resp of 1 mol. glucose)

Fermentation

Partial breakdown of glucose.

Net gain = 2 ATP (degraded to pyruvic acid)

(NADH oxidised → NAD⁺) slowly

Aerobic Respiration

Completed degradation of glucose into
CO₂ & H₂O

Net gain = more

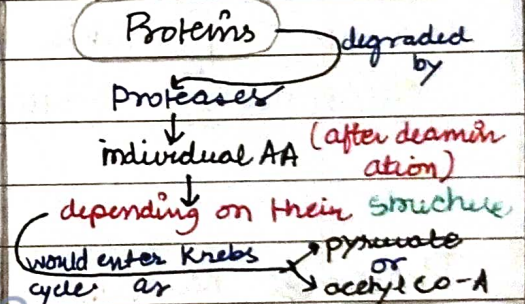
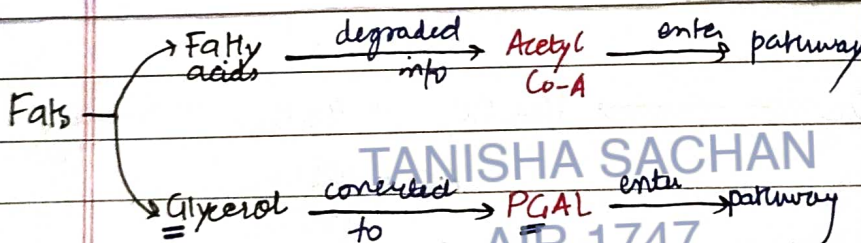
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AMPHIBOLIC PATHWAY

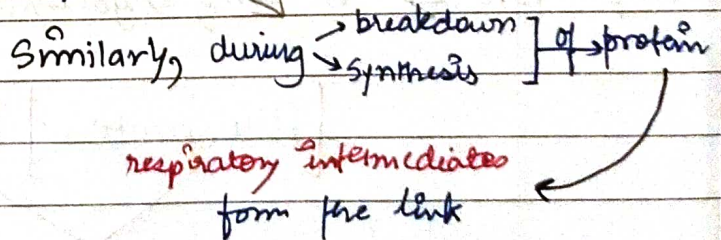
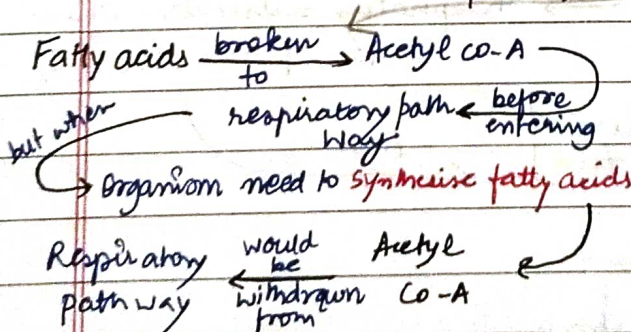
Glucose → favourite substrate for respiration

All carbohydrates are usually first converted into Glucose then used for respiration

Other substrate respired → do not enter pathway at 1st step

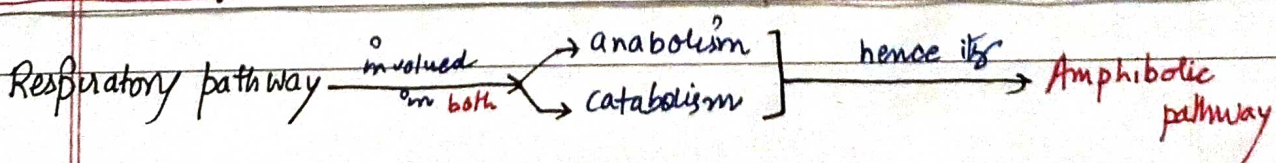


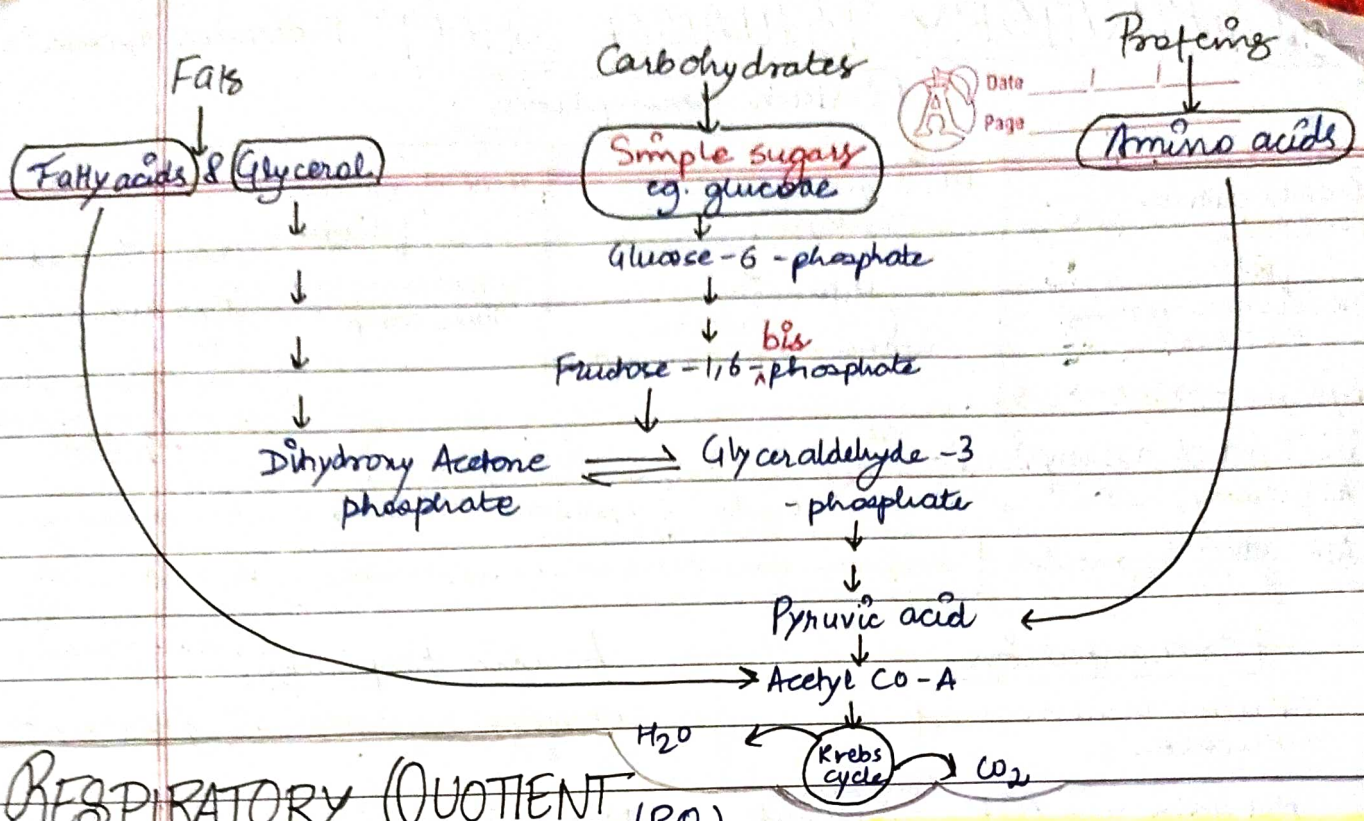
Very comp. are withdrawn → respiratory pathway for the synthesis of said substrates.



Breakdown of substrate - catabolism

Synthesis - anabolism



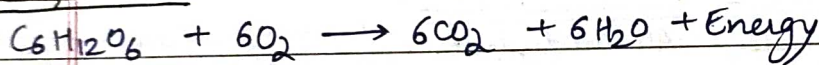


RESPIRATORY QUOTIENT (RQ)

$$RQ = \frac{\text{Volume of CO}_2 \text{ evolved}}{\text{Volume of O}_2 \text{ consumed}}$$

RQ depends on type of respiratory substrate

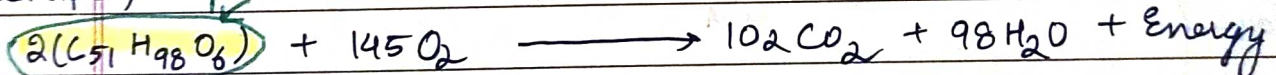
Carbohydrates



$$RQ = \frac{6CO_2}{6O_2} = 1.0$$

Fatty acids $RQ < 1 \approx 0.7$

Example, Tripalmitin

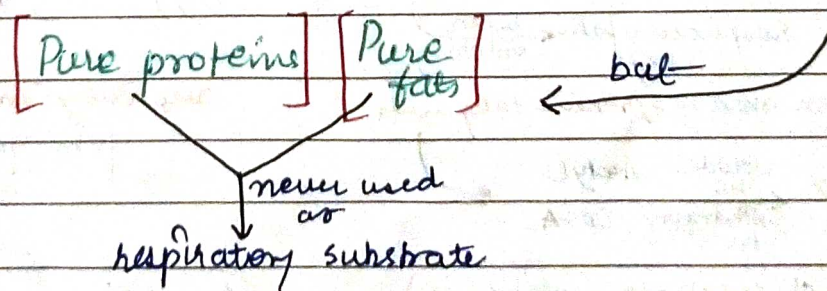


$$RQ = \frac{102CO_2}{145O_2} = 0.7$$

Proteins $RQ < 1 \approx 0.9$

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Imp. Note ⇒ In Living Organisms → Respiratory substrates often more than one (1)



ATP ACCOUNT / Balance Sheet (At a glance)

ATP account	Direct synthesis	In ETS		ATP consumed	Net gain
		From $[\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+]$ *	From FADH_2 **		
From glycolysis	4	6 From $2 \times [\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+]$	Nil	2	8
From acetylation of pyruvic acid	Nil	6 (From 2 pyruvic acid)	Nil	Nil	6
From Krebs' cycle (from 2 cycles)	2	18 From $6 \times [\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+]$ (3 in each cycle)	4 From $2 \times [\text{FADH}_2]$	Nil	24
Total gain	6	30	4	-2	38

* One $[\text{NADH} + \text{H}^+]$ can give 3 ATPs (when enters the ETS)

** One FADH_2 can give only 2 ATP (when enters the ETS)

In this calculation, two turns of Krebs' cycle have been considered. This is because, one glucose produces two pyruvic acid and two acetyl CoA. Hence two cycles occur for each glucose molecule.

Mitochondria which are produced outside of mitochondria (i.e., in cytoplasm) can give only 2 ATPs under physiological conditions. So, final net gain per glucose is only **36 ATPs**.